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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jonnie R. WILLIAMS

Serial No. 09/397,018

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: IMPROVED METHOD OF TREATING
TOBACCO TO REDUCE NITROSAMINE
CONTENT, AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED
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) Group Art Unit: 1731

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) Examiner: M. Colaianni

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) Atty. Dkt. No.: 04859.84703

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 1, 2000 and further to Applicant's Amendments submitted on August 9 and 11, 2000, please enter the following amendment.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 54-57, 63-68, 70-73, and 79-82 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 53, 58-62, 69, and 74-78 remain pending. By the foregoing amendment, claims 54-57, 63-68, 70-73, and 79-82 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Examiner Colaianni telephoned the undersigned on September 7, 2000 and indicated that he considered claims 53, 58-62, 69, and 74-78 to be in condition for allowance. Mr. Colaianni also indicated that he considered claims 54-57, 63-68, 70-73, and 79-82 indefinite to the extent that those claims compare nitrosamine content to that in conventionally cured tobacco.